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AMENDMENT

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Advisory Action dated June 14, 2001, Applicants submit herewith a Petition to Extend Time for a period of three months, up to and including October 18, 2001, together with the required fee for a small entity. Further, Applicants submit herewith a Request for Continued Examination of the above-identified patent application, together with the appropriate fee, and request that the Examiner consider the amendments and remarks set forth herein, which are believed to put the claims in order for allowance.

AMENDMENTS

Please cancel claim 19 without prejudice.

Please amend the claims to read as follows: